

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-19. (canceled).

20. (new) A rescue arrangement for effecting a rapid descent from a higher level to a lower level, the rescue arrangement comprising:

- guiding means which substantially extend between the higher level and the lower level,
- carrying means which are connectable with the guiding means for carrying an object from the higher level to the lower level via the guiding means,
- first braking means located at the guiding means near the lower level for slowing down and/or stopping the carrying means near the lower level,

wherein the guiding means comprise at least two substantially parallel tracks, wherein the carrying means are adapted to be connected to at least two of the tracks.

21. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the parallel tracks are formed by cables which are secured at the higher level and at the lower level.

22. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the parallel tracks are formed by rods or bars which are secured at the higher level and at the lower level.

23. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the arrangement further is adapted for automatically releasing the carrying means from the guiding means at the lower level.

24. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 23, further comprising release means for automatically releasing the carrying means from the guiding means at the lower level.

25. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 20, further comprising means for moving the object away from the guiding means after the carrying means have been released from the guiding means or the object has been released from the carrying means.

26. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the first braking means comprise magnetic means for exerting a braking force on the carrying means.

27. (new) A rescue arrangement for effecting a rapid descent from a higher level to a lower level, the rescue arrangement comprising:

- guiding means which substantially extend between the higher level and the lower level,
- carrying means which are connectable with the guiding means for carrying an object from the higher level to the lower level via the guiding means,
- first braking means located at the guiding means near the lower level for slowing down and/or stopping the carrying means near the lower level,

wherein the arrangement is adapted for automatically releasing the carrying means from the guiding means at the lower level.

28. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 27, further comprising release means for automatically releasing the carrying means from the guiding means at the lower level.

29. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 27, further comprising means for moving the object away automatically from the guiding means after the carrying means have been released from the guiding means or the object has been released from the carrying means.

30. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 27, wherein the first braking means comprise magnetic means for exerting a braking force on the carrying means.

31. (new) Rescue arrangement for effecting a rapid descent from a higher level, to a lower level, the rescue arrangement comprising:

- guiding means which substantially extend between the higher level and the lower level,

- carrying means which are connectable with the guiding means for carrying an object from the higher level to the lower level via the guiding means,

- first braking means located at the guiding means near the lower level for slowing down and/or stopping the carrying means near the lower level,

wherein the arrangement comprises means for moving the object away automatically from the guiding means after the carrying means have been released from the guiding means or the object is released from the carrying means.

32. (new) Rescue arrangement for effecting a rapid descent from a higher level to a lower level, the rescue arrangement comprising:

- guiding means which substantially extend between the higher level and the lower level,
 - carrying means which are connectable with the guiding means for carrying an object from the higher level to the lower level via the guiding means,
 - first braking means located at the guiding means near the lower level for slowing down and/or stopping the carrying means near the lower level,
- wherein the first braking means comprise magnetic means for exerting a braking force on the carrying means.

33. (new) Rescue arrangement according to 32, wherein second braking means are provided between the higher level and the first braking means.

34. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 33, wherein the second braking means comprise magnetic means for exerting a braking force on the carrying means.

35. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the guiding means at the lower level are secured to a fire truck.

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36. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the first braking means are provided on a fire truck.

37. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 21, wherein the arrangement comprises tensioning means for tensioning the cables.

38. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 37, wherein the tensioning means are provided on a fire truck.

39. (new) Rescue arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the carrying means comprise a harness which is adapted to carry a person.